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How do you like your Sunday Herald?

Merry Christmas to you all and a
very happy New Year.The city lighting ordinance is a very
poor Christmas gift from the city
fathers.Read the affidavit about the Third
Precinct in another part of this paper
and reflect.The very excellent address made by
Dr. Park to the Forestry association is
crowded out of our columns today
but will be shortly published in ex-
tension.The volcano Kilauea in the Hawaiian
Islands is said to be in a very active
state of eruption and so is the royal
volcano which has been slumbering
for a while. The friends of the dusky
queen had better keep quiet, and she
will have more peace and plenty that
way than by making a frantic effort
to reign, an impossible throne.The Herald will cheerfully join in
any rational movement to trace up
and punish fraud in the recent election.
It will not matter where it strikes. Let
us have some proofs of the crime and a
pointer as to who are the criminals and
if they are the most prominent of Demo-
crats we'll go for them just the same as
though they were Republicans, and a
little samer.An exchange says: "Don't go in
debt for your Christmas presents;
start the new year in peace." That's
all very well, but if a fellow can't get
any presents without running in debt,
and takes that advice, how much peace
would he have from the expected ben-
eficiaries? Peace, indeed! That would
be like some of the Xmas toys after a
few days, all broken into pieces.According to Major Handy, a youth
who failed to pass an examination for
appointment as a cadet at West Point,
was asked: "Where does Mormonism
exist? What is it? By whom was it
suppressed?" Answer: "Mormonism is
a species of Mohammedanism. It ex-
isted in West Virginia and Massachu-
setts and was put down by General
Grant. Mormonism means a duplicity
of wives."A contract has been awarded to the
Bethlehem Iron company for the ar-
mour of the two new Russian battle-
ships, the Sebastopol and Petropavlov-
sk. More than 12,000 tons will be re-
quired, costing about \$4,000,000. The
contract was secured over fourteen
competitors, including Krupp. There
were too many blow holes in the Car-
negie style of plate-making, so that
firm wasn't in it.If our evening contemporary has "no
charges to make against the Utah Com-
mission" will it please explain what it
means by the insinuation that there has
been "a corrupt conspiracy"? Its strid-
ding remarks of Saturday night need
a guide board and a map. A little
straightforward talk is all right, but
covert charges in one breath that are
repeated in another are neither fair
nor consistent.Christmas trees are very pretty tem-
porary ornaments and serve a good
purpose. But when the young pines
and firs are cut down by the whole-
sale for the market, the law is vi-
olated and public interests are invaded.
Let this season pass on without trou-
ble for the damage is now done. But
next year the Forestry association will
find some practical work which should
be attended to in time.The east bound Oregon Railroad and
Navigation passenger train from Pen-
gion to Spokane was ditched at Bol-
les Junction yesterday morning. The
telegram announcing this says that at
the company's headquarters it is stated
that no one was injured. The same
telegram also says that Engineer Wal-
ker was killed. This shows how accu-
rate and trustworthy the information
about railroad accidents that it given
out at headquarters generally is.Our evening contemporary "demands
in the name of the whole territory an
honest count of the honest ballots cast."
That is right. That is what every
Democratic calls for. But it should
be understood that this is what the
radical Republicans are trying to pre-
vent. They do not want any honest
count at all. The discrepancies show
undoubted errors in the first canvass.
It is to correct them, whichever way
the result may be, that the Utah Com-
mission have been making an honest
count, until stopped by Republican
proceedings.The latest "argument" is that the
Commission shouldn't proceed with the
canvass which they are required by
law to complete, because the stir that
has been made is injuring the fair fame
of Utah. Who is responsible for the
impression that has gone abroad? Who
but the scoundrels who first started the
hue and cry, and those who are echo-
ing it. If the Commission are doing
anything wrong, show us what it is.
If they are doing anything criminal,
prosecute them. If not, cease injuring
the territory by echoing base and evil
suspicions!

AN UNSATISFACTORY SUBJECT.

There is much comment on the in-
crease of open immorality in this city.
It has been caused by the removal of
the Gentlemen of a certain avenue to
other quarters, and there are very
strong suggestions in reference to the
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from this unsatisfactory situation, is what
can be done for the suppression or im-
provement of the city? The question is at
present out of the question. But it will be
conceded that the irrepressible vice
ought to be reduced to its lowest pos-
sible minimum.Various plans have been devised for
this purpose. They have all demonstrated
the fact that this social problem,
which has puzzled the wisest heads
from the dawn of civilization, is not
likely to be solved until something
akin to that which is perfect has come.
It is a supply to meet a demand. The
demand knows no law but that of de-
sire, and the great vice of the age
grows with its gratification. Until men
become purer and better, the evil will
exist. We do not say all the blame be-
longes to one set, but we do believe
that in man is the beginning of the sin.The present custom of making a peri-
odical law and finding the women en-
gaged in the degrading and unlawful
pursuit, is not new to this city. We do
not argue that this is anything to its
favor, but it relieves the authorities of
today of the charge that they are re-
sponsible for its establishment. But it
is claimed, and apparently with some
degree of truth, that the regular de-
signated sedition catches all the male "re-
formers," who are equally guilty in law
and in morals with the unfortunate
females who have to pay the fine or be
imprisoned. That looks like partiality,
and that can and ought to be reme-
died.But cannot those houses which are
known to be dens of vice be closed
up? Perhaps so. But what would be-
come of the citizens? If you put them
in prison you cannot keep them there.
You can scatter them over town and
drive them into cheap hotels and places
where their horrible trade will offend
the nostrils of virtuous and respectable
citizens. But would that in any way
curtail the evil? It has been tried and
the verdict is, "Not at all."It is claimed by persons who have be-
come familiarized with this social dif-
ficulty, that the most practical way to
limit what cannot be destroyed, is to
confine it as nearly as possible within
a certain locality, and enforce the law
against it promptly; that is, justly yet
mercifully and with a due regard to
the impossibility of its entire suppres-
sion.One of the objections to this is, that
it is a semi-recognition of the vice as
tolerable by the law. Another is, that
it comes to be much in the nature of
a license, paid by the unfortunate
women but escaped by the licentious
men.Punishment, however, is not license.
If the penalty is adequate to the of-
fense and is enforced according to its
merit and frequent repetition, that is
all that can be done against crime
of any kind. And that which is pun-
ished by law is not tolerated by law nor
recognized as in any way right or to
be protected. And if the male partici-
pant in the offense is not punished, he
is punishable, and so the fault would
not be with the law but with its ad-
ministration. There ought to be just as
much diligence to detect and arrest
"reformers" as there is to run in the
lured women with whom they consort.It is possible, perhaps, to so enforce
the ordinances of this city that this
awful and increasing vice shall be ren-
dered more difficult of practice, and
that some at least of the creatures
who live by sin and crime will find
the city too virtuous for them to live in,
and so they will seek other quarters
where the officers cease from troubling
and moral regulations are at rest.
The subject, though unpleasant, is
one for our police commissioners to
consider. It is a vital civic question.
They should have a settled policy in
relation to it. That ought to be car-
ried out with vigor and yet with good
judgment. Extremists may call for the
extinction of the evil. They simply de-
mand impossibility. But call for the
suppression of the evil, and that they
propose to enforce, and that they
firmly believe, and therefore call
for increased vigilance, impartiality in
the enforcement of the laws, and ear-
nest and honest endeavors to promote,
as far as is possible, the moral as well
as material cleanliness of our beau-
tiful city.

THE LIGHTING TAX IMPOSITION.

The new ordinance in relation to
street lighting has not yet been ap-
proved by the mayor. We hope it will
not receive his official signature. Some
of our views in reference to it have al-
ready been expressed. We now add a
few more.The ordinance establishes a lighting
district. Its boundaries have been de-
scribed in the local press. They leave
out a large part of the city on all
sides. Within its limits street lamps
are to be maintained at the intersec-
tions of streets, and the expense of the
lights is to be borne by the people own-
ing property in their vicinity.How is the money to be collected? By
a tax of so much per front footage.
That is to say, if a property owner who
has a business establishment fre-
quented by the public and his place of
business takes up forty feet frontage,
he will pay to one-third to one-fifth
of the amount which another taxpayer
will have to contribute for the public
benefit who has a private residence on a
street corner. The business man who
needs the light most will have to pay
the least.If the tax is to be seven cents per
front foot, the same as the sprinkling
tax which it is to supersede, forty feet
which a merchant may have to pay for
would amount to \$2.80. The owner of a
residence lot 6x5 rods, even if there is
no house upon it and it is distant from
the business centre, would have to pay
\$11.55!The front footage principle is wrong
in this instance at least. It is a depar-
ture from the principle that a local as-
sessment should be proportioned to the
benefits received by the payers of the
tax. Our city fathers are following a
by-path in municipal management.
They did not originate the method but
they are copying after an evil example.
One remedy for this inequitable pro-position lies in the hands of the tax-
payers. If the mayor shall sign the
ordinance, or if it should be passed
over his veto, a majority of the tax-
payers by protest can vote it down. It
is possible that as this ordinance would
be largely in the interest of the busi-
ness houses which would only be light-
ly assessed, the property owners in the
central part of the city would support
it. But the taxpayers who would have
to bear the greater part of the burden,
we believe are numerous enough to de-
feat the measure by signing a protest
against it.What would be the consequence?
Would the lights be shut off? Possibly
for a time; probably not at all. Ways
and means would be devised to light
the streets, as they have been in the
past, since the property owners in the
central part of the city would support
it. But the taxpayers who would have
to bear the greater part of the burden,
we believe are numerous enough to de-
feat the measure by signing a protest
against it.But if it is conceded that one por-
tion of the city which is lighted should
pay for that convenience without tax-
ing people who live outside the lighted
district, then the levy should be on
the property benefited. According to the
assessable value, and not on the front
footage, which is an absurdly unjust
method of raising municipal revenue.
It is running altogether too far and
ought to be stopped, right now.

LIVING DISPATCHES.

It appears that a great deal of dili-
gence is being exercised to prejudice
the eastern press on the election ques-
tion, which will have to be decided by
the courts. A number of prominent
papers are receiving special dispatches
from Salt Lake, similar to that which
we copied on Saturday from the New
York World.By the by, that telegram was also
a "special" to the World. The re-
marks we made therefore are not ap-
plicable to the agent of the Associated
Press in this city, as he sent no such
dispatch, and what we said may be
taken by the sender of that special as
referring to him alone. But, whether
special or general, we do not object
to the publication of facts. It is only
partisan opinions that we protest
against being sent under the guise of
news.It is evident that there is a Repub-
lican movement to send these biased
and misleading dispatches over the
country in order to arouse animosities
against the Democratic party of Utah.
We are of the opinion that they will
overshoot the mark. The reaction will
come, and it will be seen where the
fraud, if any there be in the canvass
of votes at the late election, originated
and was for a time apparently suc-
cessful.Meanwhile, the press of the country
had better be cautious about coming
in line with the specials sent from
this city of the kind which we have
exposed. It is not true that any Demo-
cratic canvassers have attempted un-
lawful or other improper methods, but
the evidence all bears, most distinctly,
in the direction of their adversaries.We are glad to know that the Salt
Lake agent of the Associated Press, who
is a pleasant gentleman and we be-
lieve entirely unbiased in his of-
ficial acts, is not in any way responsi-
ble for the special dispatches which are
being sent out to deceive the public.

FACTS FOR FAIR CONSIDERATION.

In the midst of all the smoke and
dust, the roaring and the fuming of
agitated demagogues, let the sober,
fair-minded citizens ponder on these
few facts.For the election of delegates to the
constitutional convention, the Utah
Commission are constituted the elec-
tion board in person. They are re-
quired to act under the laws of the
United States and of the Territory of
Utah.Previous to canvassing those returns,
that body requested the legal opinions
of two eminent lawyers of this city,
two of them Democrats and two Re-
publicans. These four agreed that the
Commission should take the registry
lists, the poll books and the tally
sheets as the returns. Also that if nec-
essary arose under the law they must
go to the ballot boxes.In acting on these agreements of
legal opinion, they examined the re-
turns and found that in a very large
number of instances irregularities and
discrepancies existed. When these
facts taken together in any county or
election district and credited to the minority
candidates, were found insufficient to
affect the result, they accepted them
on their face. That is in accordance
with the Utah statute.In cases where the votes were close,
and the discrepancies were great
enough to affect the result to any can-
didate, they proceeded to open the bal-
lot boxes and count the votes. That
is also required by the Utah statute.
The ballot boxes in the first place
were sent for on the demand of the
two Republican members of the Utah
Commission. They wanted the ballot
boxes when they thought it was for
the interest of their party. As soon as
it appeared that the discrepancies
when corrected showed that votes for
Democrats had been credited to Re-
publicans, they wanted the count
stopped.The injunctions issued by Judge
Bartch were applied for to prevent in-
vestigation. Their purpose is to stop
the Utah Commission from finding out
for whom the votes, improperly can-
vassed as the returns show, were il-
legally cast.The ballot boxes were conveyed to
the Utah Commission safely, sealed,
and in the condition sent. They were
placed in a room, the door of which
was fastened with a Yale lock. Pre-
viously they were sealed by the
Commission so that there could be no
tampering with them. There is not a
particle of truth that there has been
any fraud. The majority of the Utah
Commission have acted strictly within the law,
as construed by the four lawyers, two of
whom are leading Republican lights.
There is positively no evidence what-
ever that they have done anything
wrong. The courts will decide whether
they have a legal right to count the
ballots. The law, however, is so plain
that he who reads may understand.The returns being undoubtedly in-
correct, the question, where the votes
are close, as to who have been legally
elected can only be determined by a
re-count. There is no other way. The
law provides for it in such cases. But

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people I ever met in my life was the natu-
ral exclamation of Lomax Schultz, the
Philadelphia business man, after his
experience on Broadway Sunday morn-
ing. He had asked four gentlemen in suc-
cession to direct him to Delmonico's, and
each had led from him as if he had the
residence without waiting to understand
his question. Then a policeman had ar-
rested him for begging in the street, and
he had got off in a police car, drawn
by fully identifying himself and dis-
playing a big roll of bills to the astounded
inhabitant.-New York Recorder.Milking the United States treasury for
gold, and then letting it all run up to be
milked again, is as simple as the dairy
process of the same kind. As the cow
is deprived of the secret of the lacteal
fluid and then sent to the pasture
until her udder is replenished for a second
operation, so our treasury is drawn
over again, so the enterprising scalper of
currency discounts picks up a stack of
greenbacks, which he draws out of the
treasury; then he comes around
again, with his greenbacks, and draws
out the gold that he had put in the week
before. It is a fine business for the man
who does the milking, and it is a fine
business for the treasury in the end-Chicago
Herald.The Federation of Labor has a new
president in the person of John McBride,
who was chosen to the office yesterday
by the Denver convention. Samuel Gom-
pera, the retiring president, who was de-
feated by a vote of 1,000 to 900, is a
very man than McBride, who is more of a
constitutional agitator. Under Gompera
it was sought to practically make a new
party of the Federation. McBride is a
legislative experience. As president of
the United Mine Workers he was an im-
portant figure in the Railway union fight
last summer. He is less of a socialist
than Gompera was, and more American
in his ideas. He has the capacity to
manage the affairs of the federation
with prudence and ability.-Philadelphia
Ledger.

OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY.

Over the hills and far away
A little boy steals from his morning play,
And under the blossoming apple tree
Of battles fought and of victories won.
Of wrongs of earthward and of great deeds
done.

Over the hills and far away!

Over the hills and far away!
It's oh for the toll and the living day!
But it mattereth not to the soul aflame
With the love for riches and power and
fame!On, oh man! while the sun is high-
On the certain joys that lie
Yonder, where blazeth the noon of day-
Over the hills and far away!Over the hills and far away!
An old man lingers at close of day-
That his youth he has almost done.
His battles fought and his victories won,
The old-time honesty and truth,
The trustfulness and the friends of
youth.Home and mother, where are they?
Over the hills and far away!Over the year and far away?
-Eugene Field.Warm.
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ing. He had asked four gentlemen in suc-
cession to direct him to Delmonico's, and
each had led from him as if he had the
residence without waiting to understand
his question. Then a policeman had ar-
rested him for begging in the street, and
he had got off in a police car, drawn
by fully identifying himself and dis-
playing a big roll of bills to the astounded
inhabitant.-New York Recorder.Milking the United States treasury for
gold, and then letting it all run up to be
milked again, is as simple as the dairy
process of the same kind. As the cow
is deprived of the secret of the lacteal
fluid and then sent to the pasture
until her udder is replenished for a second
operation, so our treasury is drawn
over again, so the enterprising scalper of
currency discounts picks up a stack of
greenbacks, which he draws out of the
treasury; then he comes around
again, with his greenbacks, and draws
out the gold that he had put in the week
before. It is a fine business for the man
who does the milking, and it is a fine
business for the treasury in the end-Chicago